

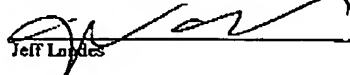
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED 07/06/2006**

Responsive to the Office Action dated July 6, 2006 and the Advisory Action dated September 19, 2006, please consider the following amendments and remarks:

- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.